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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN VIEWS ON BELIZE

1. DURING MEETING MARCH 11 WITH F.M. DUDLEY THOMPSON ON OTHER MATTERS, HE RAISED WITH ME SUBJECT BELIZE AND URGED USG INVOLVEMENT IN SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE. THOMPSON THINKING RUNS AS FOLLOWS: THE EARTHQUAKE HAS HAD A COOLING EFFECT ON THE CRISIS BECAUSE OF THE GUATEMALAN ARMY'S PREOCCUPATION WITH RELIEF WORK. THERE IS ONLY ONE COUNTRY THAT CAN PROVIDE THE TYPE OF RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED AND THAT IS THE U.S. AS A MAJOR BENEFACTOR, THE USG WILL ENJOY THE GRATITUDE AND CONFIDENCE OF THE GOG. THAT INFLUENCE COULD BE USED TO ENCOURAGE THE GOG TO SOFTEN ITS INTRANSIGENT POSITION ON BELIZE.

2. I DID NOT RESPOND TO THOMPSON OTHER THAN TO THANK HIM FOR SHARING HIS THOUGHTS WITH ME AND PROMISING TO PASS THEM ALONG TO WASHINGTON.

3. WHEN I ASKED ABOUT STATE OF BRITISH MEDIATION EFFORTS, THOMPSON ASSERTED THAT NOTHING IS HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT AND HE AGAIN URGED USG INVOLVEMENT.
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HE CLAIMED THAT JAMAICA AND HER CARICOM PARTNERS HAVE

A GREAT DEAL OF DIRECT INFLUENCE WITH BELIZE'S P.M. PRICE AND THAT THEY HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT IF HE OR ANY OF THE LEFT IN BELIZE STARTED FLIRTING WITH THE IDEA OF INVOLVING THE CUBANS IN THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE, PRICE WOULD LOSE THEIR SUPPORT. "AND THAT," THOMPSON ADDED, "WAS MADE CLEAR TO PRICE LONG BEFORE ANGOLA."

4. COMMENT: ABOVE IS PASSED ALONG FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH. I DO NOT FEEL THOMPSON EXPECTS ANY REPLY OR COMMENT FROM US, ALTHOUGH HE OBVIOUSLY WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

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